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Jakey's Amish Barbeque

Host to America's History, Witness to Elegant Weddings

by Clinton Martin

Locals here have always appreciated White Chimneys as a beautiful mansion and stately farmstead situated in the "Gap in the Hills" along the county's main RT 30 thoroughfare. It's certainly not surprising that White Chimneys has become a sought after destination for unique and elegant Amish Country weddings. A perfect representation of the picturesque rural setting Amish Country is famous for, the surroundings in and around White Chimneys are a perfect backdrop to many styles of wedding ceremonies, from traditional to contemporary.

While the historical homestead has been carved out of Amish Country's fertile fields since 1720, the property has only recently been made available for weddings and other events. It started with a few close friends of the White Chimneys family requesting the property as a backdrop for their upcoming nuptials, and has grown today to a full-blown better-book-now wedding venue, hosting more than 30 ceremonies each year.

It's obvious that the White Chimneys family truly enjoys hosting these very-special-day gatherings on their farm. It all began with the unbelievable labor of love that restoring this grand historic property turned out to be. Most of the 20th century was a time of "quiet repose" for White Chimneys and it's hard to imagine the countless hours involved in returning the buildings and grounds to the colonial charm and grace that it had embodied in its formative years.

Today, White Chimneys not only represents an old-world Federal-style mansion with namesake architectural features, but also offers a formal

European garden, rose-encircled pergola, repurposed tobacco barn, and a horse livery and stable. The fenced in pasture surrounding the outbuildings is the final touch that creates the magnificent setting for a pleasantly rustic yet refined gathering.

The renovated barn, originally used years ago to dry and age tobacco grown on the farm, is often used by wedding parties to host the reception activities. With room for up to 250 people, it is equipped with restroom facilities, kitchen and serving area, and can be decorated in a number of different ways.

The formal garden which features a beautiful fountain embedded in a brick veranda proves the perfect setting for pictures. Dozens more fantastic photo opportunities beckon, including shots with an antique horse-drawn carriage made available from the impressive on-site collection.

Equally as important as the magnificent setting, the logistics of a wedding day are convenient and stress-free at White Chimneys. First, the venue is open to any caterer, so the wedding party can arrange their own, or ask for a recommendation from the White Chimneys recommended list. The same applies to other suppliers as well since "the house" isn't signed to any particular vendor, offering appreciated flexibility while allowing for tried and true local recommendations when desired.

Inquiries may be directed to weddings@whitechimneys.com, although plenty of details, not to mention fun bridal photo albums from past weddings, can be found on the White Chimneys Facebook page. 



Come. Sit by the fountain. Smell the roses. Enter in an antique horse-drawn carriage. The remodeled tobacco barn is anything but barn-like and provides spacious accommodations with a unique rustic flare. This barn is always a great reception venue. Contact the White Chimneys folk and you'll be pleased by how easy planning the "most memorable day of your life" can be.



The Story of White Chimneys Colonial Homestead



In 1681, a vast property spanning millions of acres was given to William Penn, the renegade son of Sir Admiral William Penn, Sr., as repayment for a maritime debt owed to the Admiral by the British Crown. This land, present day Pennsylvania, was quickly known as "Penn's Woods." William Penn found purpose in the Quaker faith, and thus began his "Holy Experiment" as he invited all persecuted sects to come, settle the land and live out their life in peace. Amish, Mennonites, Brethren, Quakers, French Huguenots and Puritans flocked to the New World for this religious freedom, not to mention the economic prospects of settling a new land.

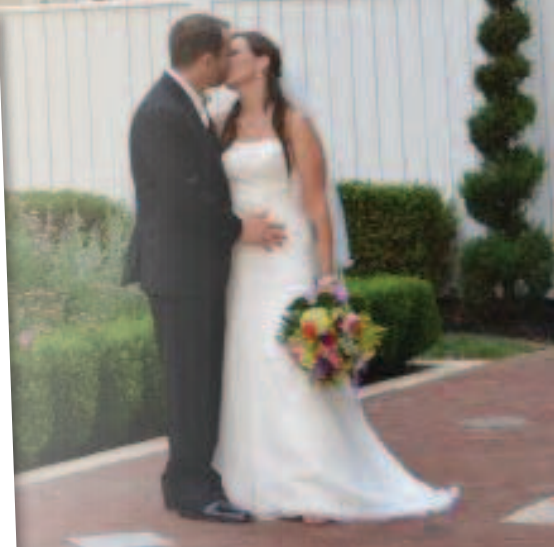
To open land to settlers, Penn signed treaties with Native Americans in the region. One of the first was in 1698, pertaining to land along the well traveled "Minquas Trail." This was located approximately 60 miles west of Philadelphia at a naturally occurring "gap in the hills." Back in Europe, prospective settlers had to go through a rigorous screening process, proving themselves to be of "good moral character" and having the financial means to obtain a portion of "Penn's Woods." As early as 1708, some of the first qualified settlers moved into the "Gap in the Hills" valley. Log cabins and stone cottages began to dot the landscape.

A simple stone house originally occupied by Samuel Jones was one of the first to be built. This humble foundation would later come to be known as White Chimneys. By 1759, Samuel's granddaughter Faithful Richardson had married Lancaster judge Henry Slaymaker, son of Mathias Schliermachier, and moved into the small stone cottage. Eventually, Henry and Faithful purchased the stone house on June 2, 1779, and thus began the next 200 years of successive additions to the home.

Their son, Amos, made the front and southern addition in 1807, which created the appearance of the building we know today. During this period of expansion is when legend has the name White Chimneys being coined. The bright newly-painted white chimneys glistened in the sparkling sunlight, and Amos' daughter Hannah called out to her mother, declaring the beauty of the "White Chimneys!" The name was a perfect fit and the homestead was for evermore thus identified. Finally, the last addition was completed in 1923 with the most western wing.

Many great visitors passed along the road from Philadelphia to Lancaster and stopped at White Chimneys. On July 31, 1777, Congress appointed Marquis De Lafayette as Major General. The next day, he met George Washington and began a life-long deep friendship. They wintered together at the now famed Valley Forge that year of 1777. Many years and battles passed as General Lafayette dedicated his life to the young America's cause. His love of constitutional liberty made him more at home in America than in his own country of France, where he was even at one point placed in exile by Napoleon. Invited by President Monroe in 1824, the General was honored in the 24 states as he was celebrated as a national hero. During this trip in 1825, he spent the night at White Chimneys, most likely visiting his old travel paths.

Generations passed at White Chimneys, and the homestead took on various ventures such as a toll house stop, stage line stop, and tobacco farm. After spending most of the last century in quiet repose, the Homestead is now ready for you to visit and experience the grandeur of a Lancaster County colonial landmark, sharing in a rich history while enjoying the fellowship of friends and guests at a special gathering. 



Seasonal Events

White Chimneys is also an ideal destination for fun seasonal activities of families and friends.

Spring:

- Weddings in the Rose Garden
- Graduation photos
- Prom Photos
- Antiques & Gifts

Summer:

- Colonial Reenactments
- Weddings in the Rose Garden
- Open Hearth Cooking

Fall:

- Weddings in the Rose Garden
- Fall Festivals
- Pumpkin Gathering
- Open Hearth Cooking
- Hay Rides

Winter:

- Antiques & Gifts
- Christmas trees & greens
- Open Hearth Cooking
- Sleigh Rides (if possible)



Care for Cows and Amazing Quilts at Esh Handmade Quilts

by Clinton Martin

Outside, you'll see "Mom's Shoe Garden," a few calf hutches (probably with cute little calves peeking their curious little noses out at you), and a tall white-washed dairy



The "display bed" at Esh's has layers of quilts for customers to flip through

quilts and crafts themselves, but dozens of Amish friends and neighbors help out with stocking the family store's shelves with very special handmade treasures.

The shop might be small and is by no means an "Amish Quilt Wal-Mart," but it still holds numerous quilts in various sizes, from crib to king, not to mention wall-hanging quilts and quilted pot-holders, oven mitts, pin cushions, and the like. Esh Handmade Quilts is open every day except Sunday and religious holidays. There is plenty of parking clearly marked next to the barn. Just look for the sign along Route 340 only 1.5 miles east of Intercourse. For questions, leave a message at 717-768-8435. 

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barn next to a big farmhouse with a wrap-around porch. Perhaps most importantly of all, you'll discover a quilt or two hanging out on the line, maybe even under the old pump house along the side of the road.

Esh Handmade Quilts is first and foremost an Amish dairy farm, but a portion of the family home has been set aside as a quilt shop, specializing in locally hand-crafted and stitched quilts. The Esh family does sew some of the

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Gathering the Family at Eden Resort

by Clinton Martin

Great memories are made when families are gathered together during those precious days marked “vacation” on the calendar. However, many of the best memories are created when two families come together to witness the wedding of a young “Romeo” and a lovely “Juliet.”

A Destination Wedding is a perfect way to bring together friends and family for a time of shared memories, and a touch of vacation. Amish Country provides this with an abundance of amenities. The luxurious, yet family-friendly, Eden Resort just off of Amish Country’s RT 30

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The Eden Resort offers lodging (an official Best Western Premier property) as well as tempting dining and fun recreational options – both important and welcome attributes for the family on vacation, the business traveler, or the day-tripper. But, to a Destination Wedding party, they are of utmost importance.

At the Eden Resort, all weddings include a social hour with international cheeses and vegetable displays served with crackers, French bread and dips. Next there is a flute of champagne or sparkling cider for each guest to observe the



traditional toast to the bride and groom. The setting is enhanced with elegant table linens and napkins, mirror and candlelight centerpieces for all tables, plus a candelabra accent for the head table. Of course, there are overnight bed and breakfast style accommodations for the bride and groom. To lower the stress level, the Eden Resort has on-site wedding professionals for assisting with choosing a florist, baker, photographer, videographer, etc., plus place cards and diagrams for seating arrangements. Finally, the tropically landscaped courtyard provides the perfect setting.

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Getting Married? Destination: Amish Country

by Brad Igou

Often in the past, “marry away” weddings probably had more to do with strained family relationships or eloping. But, today the idea of getting married in a unique location, often far away from the home of either bride or groom, is becoming ever more popular.

A few years ago in Italy, I ran into a couple that was visiting a villa in Tuscany where they planned to hold their nuptials. They were expecting a small group of family and friends from Great Britain, and making it more than just a wedding, but also a vacation for those attending and a honeymoon for themselves.

Yet why go to all the trouble to plan such a long distance celebration? Here are a few reasons my research uncovered:

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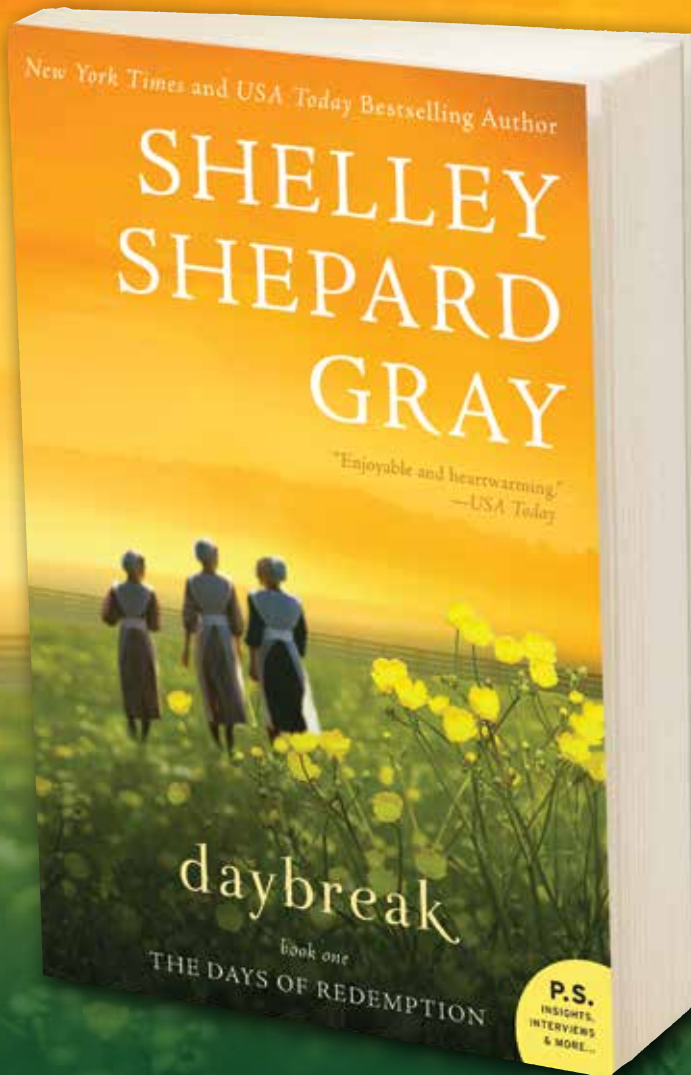
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Train Your Sights on Amtrak

by Clinton Martin

Have you ever taken the Subway in Lancaster? Neither have I, because there isn't one. But, Lancaster does have many options when it comes to traveling through the Red Rose city. Of course you can drive your car, take a bus, or hail a cab, but often the most relaxing is simply riding the rails. Amtrak connects cities all over the Country, yet each route feels distinctly unique to that area. After all, when you are pulling up to the Lancaster train station, rolling Amish farmland suddenly turns into a vibrant downtown with a lively arts scene. As you disembark, the stately old train station is also intriguing. You can literally see the many decades that this bulwark has withstood as styles of architecture sit beside or atop one another, including the latest of touches providing a modern face-lift.

So now you've arrived in Lancaster. No stress from traffic. No double-takes at gas prices. No hair-raising cab rides. Just a lovely city in the middle of a world-famous County to explore. For those without transportation to Lancaster wishing to visit Amish Country, Connective Tours (a division of Philadelphia Trolley Works in Philadelphia) runs day trips to Amish Country via train to Lancaster. Transportation from the

train station is included to the Amish Experience at Plain and Fancy Farm. Here you will enjoy "Jacob's Choice" at the Amish Experience Theater, a tour of an old order Amish house, and the Amish Farmland shuttle tour. You return to Philadelphia in the early evening. Call 215-925-8687 for details or visit PhillyTour.com.

Of course, turn the tables and you repeat the script with a new plot twist. Boarding a train in Lancaster, you can see many interesting neighboring towns, such as picturesque Mt. Joy and Elizabethtown.

Perhaps, the State Capitol is more your style? With exhilarating nightlife, grandiose museums, and plenty of you'll-only-find-it-here attractions, Harrisburg is an easy and convenient ride on the westbound.

Turning your attention East, you'll find yourself transported in style and comfort to Philadelphia. Anyone who knows American history knows Philadelphia, but you could probably use a refresher course by visiting America's most historic square mile. Besides, the City of Brotherly Love has embraced many of today's

trends, even becoming clear leaders in what's "hot" these days. Famous TV chefs ply Philly's restaurant trade, an exceptional scene for nightlife wakes up your inner dance diva, and world-class sports throw the city into delight with victories, and into pouting with defeat.

Finding things to do in Lancaster, and the neighboring destinations, isn't difficult at all. Getting there is usually half the battle. Why not forget all the woes of just getting there and just take the train? You'll probably get there faster, spend less money, and you can actually concentrate on taking in the scenery instead of looking for that highway exit that you just passed. 



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Dutchland Quilt Patch Welcomes Donna Sharp Fashions

by Clinton Martin

Quilts are made for beds...right? Well, quilts may be traditional Amish Country bedspreads, but the sewing, stitching, and patchwork-binding of the quilted arts stretch way beyond a simple four-poster's covering.

Dutchland Quilt Patch, with three stores locally, has always carried hundreds of locally hand-made quilts from Amish and Mennonite

women. Such was the mainstay around which the business was founded ---along with offering fabric and notions for those who will be quilting their own masterpiece.

In recent years, the idea of quilting only to make blankets was totally turned on its head. The process of quilting is now applied to many products, including perhaps in the most popular sense, fashionable, upscale handbags.

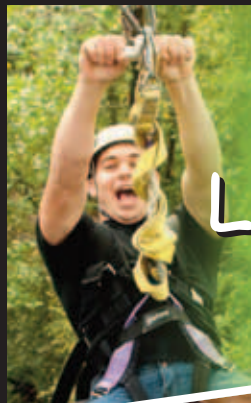


Originally a quilt-enthusiast and artist, quilted fashion designer Donna Sharp became famous when she expanded from king and queen-size bed quilts to dozens of other unique uses for the needle and thread. Her quilted handbags have become one of the most trend-setting "quilts" on the market, and her newest and freshest designs are all in stock at Dutchland Quilt Patch.

Unlike other quilted handbags, Donna Sharp patterns feature several fabrics that are stitched together and then quilted. The design process includes color-mixing, fabric selection and artful arrangement of fabrics into the final pattern used across a variety of styles of handbags, accessories and apparel.

In addition to patchwork patterns, Donna also creates and releases whole cloth patterns each season. Each whole cloth pattern is a custom fabric or unique quilting texture, designed by and produced exclusively for Donna Sharp. Some whole cloth patterns are included in a coordinating patchwork pattern as well.

Decide for yourself if Donna Sharp's designs fit your fashion sensibilities with a visit to one of Dutchland Quilt Patch's shops conveniently located at 2851 Lincoln Highway East, Ronks; 3453 Old Philadelphia Pike, Intercourse; and 108 West Brubaker Valley Road, Lititz. Call or click: (800) 411-3221 dutchlandquilts.com



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Locals Love Riehl's Quilts & Crafts

by Clinton Martin



The staff of AMISH COUNTRY NEWS (locals all) have shopped at Riehl's many times, picking up all sorts of quilted gifts, decorative home touches, and sweet-smelling candles, to name a few fond purchases. It seems that for each of us, it all started when we received out-of-town visitors and wanted to show them around. Everyone wants to see an Amish farm, shop for authentic Amish quilts and crafts, and snap some photos of a bona fide postcard view. Naturally, we head to Riehl's, one of the few properties in Amish Country meeting all three demands, and more.

Folks enjoy Riehl's so much that they return again and again, with or without guests. Suddenly we've become visitors in our own backyard! One visit on your own will convince you too that there's really no excuse needed to stop at Riehl's.

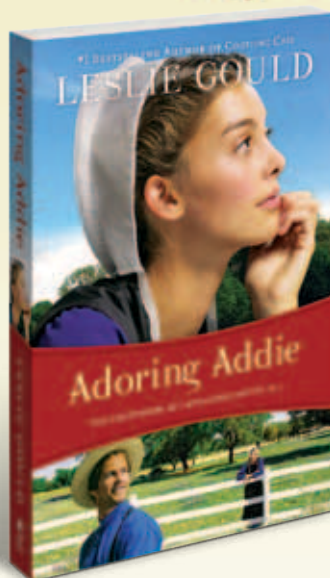
My own guests loved their experience so much that they've now become "insiders" and have brought guests of their own to Riehl's. Perhaps our friend said it best, "I always tell anyone going to the area that if you want a beautiful spot for beautiful handcrafted gifts, Susie Riehl's is the place to go!"

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Centuries of Quilts by the Hundreds at Witmer Quilt Shop

by Clinton Martin

There are many “Quilts for Sale” signs hanging at the end of farm lanes all over Amish Country, but there are only a handful of places that carry both brand new and antique quilts. One of my favorites of the “old and new” is the quilt shop of Emma Witmer along Route 23 in New Holland.

Emma’s Witmer Quilt Shop is situated on the family farm, in a little brick house set beside the family home. Neatly displayed and deftly arranged are over 150 quilts in various sizes and designs, filling all the rooms of the house. Some of the quilt designs can only be found at Emma’s shop as she has created many original designs using her own creativity and exceptional talent for sewing.

Of course, there is simply no way one woman could ever make enough quilts in one year to stock a store with the selection of Witmer Quilts. So, Emma enlists the help of up to 100 Amish and Mennonite women within the local community, providing much-appreciated “on-the-side” income for her friends and neighbors. Some of these ladies create one quilt a year,



others maybe two or three. Simply put, quilts are labor intensive taking considerable time to go from scraps of fabric and balls of thread to a finely stitched artistic quilt.

While Emma and her helpers make new quilts throughout the year, Emma keeps the antique quilt restoration to herself. Emma has restored dozens of antique quilts over the years, even making some of them available for sale in her shop. These beautiful, completely one-of-a-kind quilts date, in some cases, to the 1800s when local Amish and Mennonite women first began to quilt.

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by Clinton Martin

Worried you're losing your "Spring Chicken" status? Well, if you're thinking that over the hill is getting closer, maybe too close to enjoy the playful moniker...here's a comforting thought. Spring is when Zook's Homemade Chicken Pies fires up the oven in earnest. A prime time to be a chicken indeed. Depends on how you look at it I guess, yet there's barely a more honorable fate for our feathered friends than to take the lead role in the culinary triumph that is a Zook's Homemade Chicken Pie.

Undoubtedly, many visitors to Amish Country will for the first time discover Zook's Homemade Chicken Pies this year, forever from that moment understanding the unique and fiercely devoted following that this humble out-of-the-way bakery stirs from its loyal fans. Zook's is not a restaurant. The state-of-the-Amish-art bakery is nearly completely set aside for the busy Plain ladies mixing, rolling, baking, and seasoning the delicious, savory, little pies. Only a small portion of the building acts as a retail store. This is unapologetically authentic Amish baking, without smoke and mirrors. It is delightful!



The process itself is quite easy. Stop in, pick out a pie, and take it home to eat, and start all over again! Available flavors go beyond the namesake Chicken Pie, as Zook's Beef and Sausage varieties are welcome entrees on any table. The heartily packed crusts come in different sizes, perfect for feeding one, two, a family, or a small army.

Suffice it to say, that you are in for a very special and tasty treat when you make Zook's your destination, and ultimately, your dinner.

Zook's Homemade Chicken Pies is located at 3194 Harvest Drive, Ronks. Call if you like (you'll have to leave message of course, at this Amish business) 717-768-0239. Zook's is open Monday through Saturday, but is closed Sunday and religious holidays. No matter how short your time may be here with us, please make this a stop that moves up to the top of your must-do, must-eat list! 

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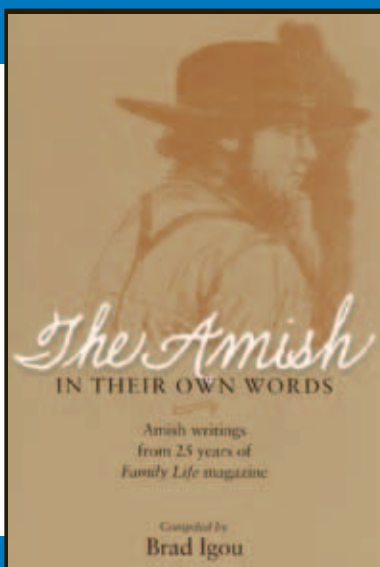
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- The Stitch Like an Egyptian exhibit of appliqué art by the Tentmakers of Cairo will be exhibited in Pennsylvania for the first time and will be displayed in the Heritage Ballroom on Level 3 of the convention center.

- Two of the Tentmakers, Hosam Hanafy and Tarek Abdelhay, will attend the show to demonstrate their appliqué technique. Hosam and Tarek will be stitching in the Heritage Ballroom in the exhibit area. You won't believe how fast these men can stitch! CDs of the exhibit are available to take home as a souvenir.
- Jenny Bowker, curator of the Egyptian exhibit, will lecture on the Tentmakers of Cairo at 1:00 p.m. each day in the AQS Learning Center, located in the Vine Street lobby behind the Quilters' Cafe.
- Quilts from four continents in the Beneath the Southern Sky exhibit will make its North American debut.

- Three keynote speakers, Kaffe Fassett on Wednesday at 7:00 p.m., Eleanor Burns on Thursday at 7:00 p.m., and Alex Anderson on Friday at 7:00 p.m., will make their Lancaster debut onstage at Steinman Hall in The Ware Center/Millersville University.
- Australian instructor Pam Holland will be teaching in Lancaster for the first time. You won't want to miss Pam's lecture at 2:00 p.m. on Thursday as she tells some of her favorite traveling quilt teacher stories – being robbed, having her plane struck by lightning, tornadoes, earthquakes, and even being mugged and kidnapped. You can't make this stuff up – be there to get the real story!

- The show kicks off on Wednesday, March 13 at 8:55 a.m. with saxophone recording artist Eirinn Abu and a flash mob. Want to be part of the fun? Be there at 8:55 a.m.! Check out Dance Walking on the Internet and you can join us as we kick off the show by kicking up our heels.



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Advance Registration

Register in advance online at www.aqsshows.com/AQSLancaster, or by calling 270-898-7903. Ask for Lancaster Quilt Show Registration. Advance registration will close at 11:59 p.m. on Thursday, March 7, 2013. Thereafter, sales of admission tickets,

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and tickets for workshops, lectures, and special events will be on a first-come basis at the show. The Admission and Workshop Desks will be located in the hallway just outside Freedom Hall at the Lancaster County Convention Center.

Parking & Shuttle Service:

Parking for AQS QuiltWeek is available at the downtown garages. Visitors staying more than five hours can get a discount on garage parking fees by picking up a discount ticket to park for \$7 all day in the Lancaster Parking Authority or the Central Parking Garages, compared to \$2 for the first hour, \$2 for the second hour, and \$1 for each additional hour. Pick up discount

parking tickets at the PA Dutch concierge desk in the lobby of the Marriott at Penn Square, or at the AQS Admission Desk in the lobby outside Freedom Hall.

There is also limited parking in Lots A and B at Clipper Stadium, (650 North Prince Street), with shuttle service to/from those lots to the Queen Street entrance at the Lancaster County Convention Center starting at 7:30 a.m. and continuing until the conclusion of the evening event at the show. The AQS QuiltWeek shuttle pickup point will be in front of the stadium. There is no charge for parking in the Clipper Stadium lot; shuttle service is \$2 round trip daily payable when you board the shuttle. The shuttle will also deliver attendees from the Convention Center to the Steinman Center at the Ware Center for the evening events and pick you up at the conclusion of the program for return trips to the parking lots at Clipper Stadium and the convention center. 🚗



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A Little Country Road Trip Brings You to The Countryside Road Stand

by Clinton Martin

Road-side stands in Amish Country can be as simple as a folding table with a basket of produce on top finished off with an “honor box,” or they can be as elaborate as a stand-alone building with a roof, walls, and all the trimmings of a retail store.

What is really important, no matter the grandeur, is that locally sourced products, whether it be foods, crafts, quilts, or bunnies, are for sale at a farm along a back country road in the midst of Amish Country’s fields and meadows.

Annie and Eli Stoltzfus, with a farm situated along Stumptown Road just north of Intercourse, happen to have what may be considered the area’s definitive “road-side stand.” Their stand started small, but has grown over the years becoming a full-fledged shop, faced on all sides by picturesque Amish farmland. They offer everything from delicious home-made foods (including a wonderfully delectable soft pretzel made on site) to hand-made quilts and crafts from a number of local Amish craftsmen. Finally, you can purchase authentic, home-made root beer. It is very different from the institutionalized stuff you buy out of a vending machine, and you just have to try it to understand.

Visit the Stoltzfus’ Countryside Road Stand Monday through Saturday (their shop is closed Sundays and religious holidays) by taking Route 772 (Newport Road) north out of Intercourse. After about three miles, take Stumptown Road off to the right, and you’ll be there shortly. You’ll be glad you made the trip! 🚗

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Burkholder Fabrics Dresses Up Northern Lancaster County

by Clinton Martin



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He likes to say "We welcome back your business!" as much as he likes to welcome new shoppers to the store. With every season comes new styles and trends in the fabric business, but Burkholder Fabrics is sure to have the traditional quilter's needs in mind while always expanding the selection with the latest trends as well.

Burkholder's may be most famous locally for dress and wedding fabrics, but notions and a huge collection of quilt fabrics are available too. While Burkholder Fabrics has a website featuring friendly shopping and easy use, the best experience is to visit the store in person. See, touch, and browse the fabrics personally, and ask the expert, friendly staff for advice on any project. And, Burkholder Fabrics honors Guild Discounts in-store, so stop in!

While not as interesting to the quilter in the group, for those sewers traveling with a companion who doesn't necessarily find browsing thousands of bolts of fabric to be an hours-long pleasure, Burkholder Fabrics offers plenty of comfortable seating on the porch with solid wood rocking chairs to keep the co-shopper happy!

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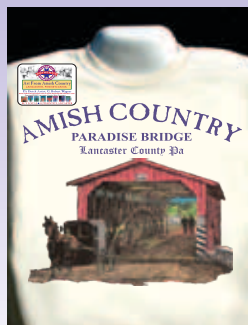
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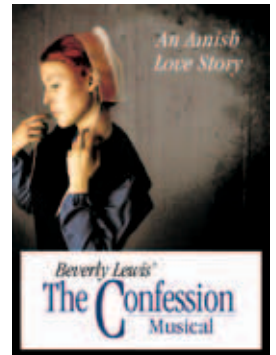
hit musical has entertained more than 35,000 theatergoers since opening in the fall of 2011.

THE CONFESSION is a touching Amish love story and a keep-you-on-the-edge-of-

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your-seat mystery, all wrapped up in one," explains the musical's director Wally Nason. "Men and women alike are eager to find out what happens." As one theatergoer said, "It's the right touch of humor with a message." LANCASTER SUNDAY NEWS agreed that its "ready-for-prime-time voices...promises a happy ending and delivers."

A captivating story of a young Amish woman caught in the middle of secrets and scandal, **THE CONFESSION** shares a tale of love lost and found and personal heartache and healing. Pulling its story line from three books written by NEW YORK TIMES bestselling author Beverly Lewis, **THE CONFESSION** musical weaves the lives of characters she first introduced in **THE SHUNNING**, **THE CONFESSION** and **THE RECKONING**. It's clear why the Lancaster County native has been proclaimed "the queen of [Amish fiction]" by USA TODAY.



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Quilts by the Hundreds by the Smucker Family

by Clinton Martin

Just one mile north of Route 23 along Groffdale Road near the town of New Holland, locals and visitors alike find one of the most impressive

gatherings of quilts in all of Amish Country. Here are literally hundreds of quilts in nearly as many different designs located in a quilt-specific barn on the Amish farm of Rachel Smucker.

Whether the quilt is a Country Bride, Broken Star, Dahlia, Whig Rose, Sunshine Diamond, Log Cabin, Wedding Ring, Diamond Star Fan, Spinning Star, or a Country Love design (only a few of the endless quilt patterns), you can bet it was hand-made with care and skill by Rachel or one of the fifty or more Amish ladies quilting with her.

Quilt "names" refer to the style of the design with which they've been stitched. For instance, Rachel explained that a "Country Love" quilt is a very popular appliqué quilt, designed by a local woman, and features lots of different pieces and quilting that produces a repeating design of hearts, ribbons and flowers.

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AMISH TECH: Plain Meets Modern

by Brad Igou

Part 1



The year was 2006. Personal pagers flourished. You know how that worked. You were in a movie, your pager buzzed, and you had to leave to find a phone to make the call. And it just might have been someone at work telling you a light-bulb burnt out. Really?

One day back then I was setting up stops for a tour we were developing and looking for a carriage maker. When I stopped in Paul's shop I asked if he was interested and if he could show me what people would see. At the time he was working on some New York Central Park carriages. He was also doing some carousel horse work for the Smithsonian Institution. Fascinating. This was much more than making "Amish buggies."

We decided we would meet again to discuss details and reached for our calendars. I pulled out my little pocket version and paged to the next week. He pulled out a Blackberry. I believe it was the first one I had ever seen, and it was in the hands of an Amishman!

These days new technologies are introduced daily. I heard recently, for example, that there are now over one million apps for the

iphone. Not surprisingly, the Young Center for Anabaptist Studies at Elizabethtown College has chosen as its theme for its June 2013 conference --- "Amish America: Plain Technology in a Cyber World." A few of the featured presentations are: "What the Amish Can Teach (and Learn from) Nerds and Geeks," "A Tale of Two Kitchens: Gender and Technology in Amish Communities," "Thrill of the Chaste: The Secret Life of an Amish Romance Novel," and "Amish Participation in Medical Research: A Partnership of Trust and Mutual Benefit."

It seemed only fitting that the theme for this year's AMISH COUNTRY NEWS series should likewise focus on some of the interesting meetings of the Plain and cyber worlds. For the first part of the series, here's a little background for you...

The Amish here have always made "accommodations" with the modern world when necessary. Farm machinery is a good example. While horses are still used in the field instead of tractors, steam engines and then tractors (with steel wheels) were used as "stationary engines" with a belt, such as the set-up used to drive the ensilage cutter blades to fill silos with chopped corn stalks.

Although you will still see adaptations like the corn picker, most horse-drawn motorized implements have given way to modern equipment driven by a diesel or gas engine, but still pulled by horses or mules.

Amish dairy farmers in Lancaster County began using mechanical milking devices in the 1950's. In the 1960's, milk companies insisted on agitators and refrigerated tanks. The church responded by allowing battery operated electric agitators charged by diesel powered generators.

The growing Amish population along with rising prices and scarcity of farmland brought the onset of Amish enterprises, often called "cottage industries," and, in turn, more compromises with the modern world. The woodworker powers his machinery by pneumatics, compressed air, and hydraulics, all operated from a connection with the diesel engine. Now, instead of just milking, the diesel engine powers saws, hand tools, drills, and more. The old line shaft with belts running machines is nearly history. Today, the

early Amish Country morning calm is often disturbed by the sound of diesel engines, whether milking cows or making furniture.

Amish women also began to use such adaptations to make their lives easier. The rare windmill and now nearly extinct waterwheel were soon replaced with diesel engines to create pressurized air to pump water into the house. Propane gas stoves and refrigerators became the norm. In the Amish home, everything from air-powered sewing machines and blenders to wringer washing machines are now commonplace. Moms can now enjoy a 12-volt steam iron run from a car battery.

New businesses were created selling air-powered equipment and supplies, while others came along to bridge the gap between what the church allowed and what was felt necessary to stay competitive in the commercial world. In the PLAIN COMMUNITIES BUSINESS EXCHANGE, a monthly publication for Amish businesses, are many ads showing unique accommodations for today's Amish life of modern appliances and equipment.

"Plain Book" computers are basically word processors that eliminate the temptation to do more. One ad boasts that its computer "has no multimedia (moving pictures, sound, etc.), no email, no games, no Internet."

A recent solution to the communication divide is "computerless email." This is a set-up that "allows you to use your existing fax machine or word processor to send and receive email without the need for a computer or internet connection." The ad proclaims that it is "Plain Community Compatible."

As Professor Donald Kraybill notes in AMISH ENTERPRISE: FROM PLOWS TO PROFITS, the Amish "have struck a bargain that nourishes their economic health without conceding their cultural soul... But in time the byproducts of that bargain may, in fact, transform the very cultural values that gave birth to it in the first place."

In coming issues, we'll examine Amish technology in more detail, a timely topic as both we and the Amish navigate the ever changing currents of modern wizardry. 

Need Fabric? Call Hamburger Woolen

by Clinton Martin

Simply put, Hamburger Woolen Company is fabric. Any weave, any weight, any fiber, any color. This company has been a long-time favorite source for fabric with many Amish customers, but they also serve those who need uniforms and apparel. Imagine this --- the Amish in our community may just be wearing HWC fabrics in their dress at the same time that police officers in your community may just be wearing HWC brand uniforms!



While the company has grown steadily since its inception in 1940, they still welcome orders of all sizes, and ensure immediate delivery for full pieces, half-pieces or cuts. Hamburger Woolen (a certified Woman Owned company) likes to say "Your inquiries will receive our prompt and courteous attention. Special orders don't upset us! Contact us today for an appetizer of samples."

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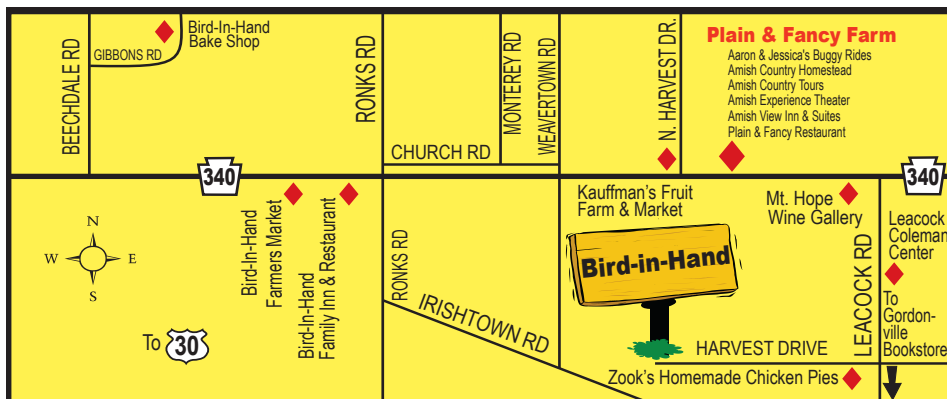
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educated they could not read. Given orders to stop at a certain inn, they were able to do so by recognizing the artwork on the signboard.

The legend of the naming of Bird-in-Hand dates to the time when the Old Philadelphia Pike was being laid out. By 1734, surveyors at McNabb's Hotel were discussing whether they should stay at their present location or return to Lancaster to spend the night. One of them said, "A bird in the hand is worth two in the bush." The sign in front of the inn, which became known as the Bird-in-Hand Inn, is known to have once "portrayed a man with a bird in his hand and a bush nearby, in which two birds were perched."

Variations of this sign appear throughout the town today. McNabb's Hotel was destroyed by fire in 1851. By the following year, a three-story hotel was built to replace it. More recently, it was Bitzer's Hotel before becoming the present Village Inn of Bird-in-Hand, a beautiful bed and breakfast property. The Historic Preservation Trust of Lancaster County states that the existing brick building "may be one of the few 19th century inns in the context of a small town in Lancaster County, which survives with a high degree of architectural integrity." It is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. When referring to their bird in hand symbol, some residents say that the bird nestled in the human hand indicates friendship, comfort, and hospitality, all of which you'll discover in this perfectly delightful little village of shops, farmers markets and eateries.

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Zook's Fabric Store Has What Crafters Look For!

by Clinton Martin

I am not a quilter, nor a sewer. But, for someone who has never pieced together a masterpiece, much less darned a sock, I've spent more time in fabric stores than anyone I know – just by the nature of my work. When visiting Zook's Fabric Store in the village of Intercourse, I begin to understand the dichotomy that exists in the fabric microcosm of Amish Country. On one hand, Amish customers come in looking for traditional solid-colors, while more modern (at times even hip urbanite) customers drop by to fill their orders with whimsical and patterned fabrics. The two somehow marvelously coexist within Zook's four walls.

In truth, I've never known anyone to stop at Zook's disappointed with the selection, be it traditional or funky. As it turns out, Zook's packs an amazing inventory into their seemingly small storefront. (It looks small from the street, but actually stretches back quite a way to the rear.) With a sister store, Sauder's Fabrics in northern Lancaster County, and an e-commerce site (this-n-thatfabrics.com) Zook's has a constantly changing inventory reaching upwards of 25,000 bolts of fabric at times.

From quilters and crafters I've met at Zook's, I've heard many affirmations of loyalty. A few that come to mind:

"As far as prices of fabric go, they rival any city or suburban store, including the big chains."

"They do not hang crazy intricate quilts that you'll never be able to make yourself all over the place."

"There is no pretension whatsoever."

"Love the remnant or sample pieces for mini projects or practice attempts."

It almost makes me want to sit down and give quilting a try. To find your way to Zook's Fabric Store, just pay the village of Intercourse a visit. Zook's is directly on Route 340, though the parking is located behind the building. A driveway goes in next to Zook's, but if you miss it, just turn in at the Old Candle Barn (also a shop worth visiting.) Their parking lots connect, so just park, shop, and enjoy. 



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A Lancaster Original

Amos, Ben, Manny and Elmer are some of the Amish farmers who supply Plain & Fancy Farm Restaurant with the farm-fresh produce it serves on a daily basis. Depending on the season, sweet corn, tomatoes, watermelon, cabbage, broccoli, squash, peppers and onions are all sourced from farms within a horse-and-buggy's drive. These neighbors, and the neighbors before them, have helped Plain & Fancy Farm Restaurant go "from farm to table" for over 50 years. The restaurant is AAA recommended, a PA Preferred and ServSafe award winner, and the Pennsylvania recipient of USA Today's Great Plate Award.

The Amish Farm Feast

Plain & Fancy Farm Restaurant is best known as Lancaster County's original family-style restaurant. The all-you-can-eat Amish Farm Feast includes your entrees, side dishes, starters, desserts and beverages. Enjoy fried chicken, roast beef, chicken pot pie, baked sausage, real mashed potatoes, buttered noodles, green and yellow string beans, dried sweet corn, chow chow, cole slaw, raisin bread, rolls and apple butter, lemonade, iced tea, hot tea, coffee, sour cream apple crumb pie, shoofly pie and vanilla ice cream. It was this very meal that drew Man Vs. Food's Adam Richman to Amish Country, who went behind the scenes in the Plain & Fancy kitchen for one of his popular show's episodes.

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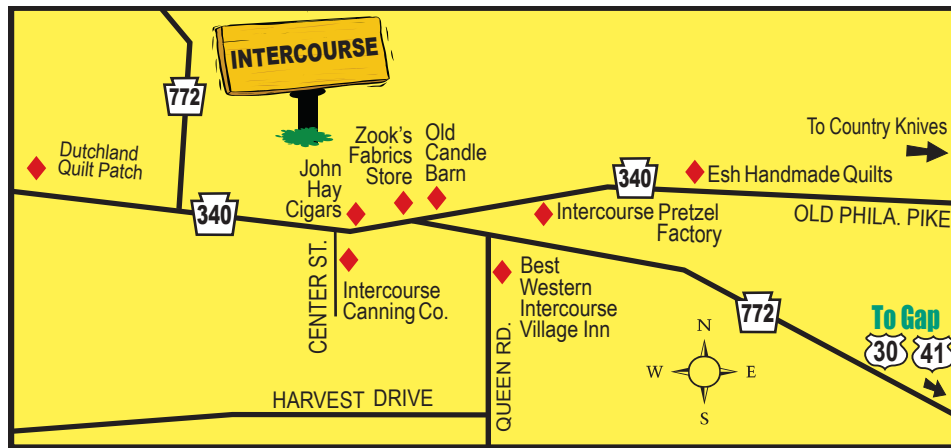
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Perhaps no other town in the entire country can claim its fame on just one simple thing --- its name. Harrison Ford drove a buggy past the road sign on a memorable visit in the Hollywood blockbuster hit of the movie "Witness." For years people have postmarked "Intercourse" on envelopes, and the jokes from visitors who travel through Bird-in-Hand to Intercourse are endless. There are several theories for the name, but that which we find most plausible follows.

Around 1730, the Old Provincial Highway (now Route 340) was laid out to connect Philadelphia with Lancaster. Conestoga wagons hauled freight back and forth between the two cities. Providing rest for travelers and horses, taverns sprouted along the way, becoming centers for news, gossip, and commerce. The construction of a log tavern in 1754 at the intersection of Newport Road and the Highway took "Cross Keys" as its name.

It remained such until 1814, when the name was changed to Intercourse as part of a failed real estate scheme of a Mr. George Brungard, who had acquired 48 acres of nearby land and attempted to lay out a town site and divide it into sections for sale by a lottery, advertising "151 handsome building lots of \$250 each to be drawn for by number." Renaming the town made sense, as intercourse had a common usage

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deeds for one-inch square plots of Intercourse to visitors. Creative, but nonetheless a failure. By 1880, Intercourse had a population of 280 with a post office that actually moved among stores or restaurants as owners hoped visits by residents would increase their business.

The local stagecoach service started around 1898 as "a single horse conveyance similar to a market wagon, with a roll-up curtain and double set of seats." When the stagecoach driver knew of passengers beforehand, their comfort on cold days was added to with the placement of hot bricks heated in the oven, and wrapped in newspaper to preserve their warmth.

As the days of the dirt road drew to a close, so too did the stagecoach era. In 1923 a transit company was organized and bus service initiated to and from Lancaster. While "many of the Amish residents of the area were eager to see the line started, they did not want to invest in stock of the Company. Instead they bought books of tickets which were really prepaid bus fares." Enough money was raised to buy a Mack Auto Bus for \$6,800. It held 25 passengers and even had solid rubber tires!

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The dairy operation was still priority number one, but the quilts certainly helped the family with an important boost. As time went on, and milk prices continued to lag

behind the cost of producing it, the quilts became even more important. These days, the dairy cows are gone, having been sent to a budding young farmer just starting out. The farm is still humming with activity however, as hay fields flourish and the barn never is quite empty! The quilt shop has grown and expanded from being in the basement to a stand-alone beautifully constructed store right next to the barn.

It has become a common sight for the Riehl family to be hitching up the team of horses for some field work, and then ten minutes later be greeting visitors from near and

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The family and its many Plain community employees want visitors to get that great homemade taste at a better price than commercial bakeries. “We take pride in the things that we bake and enjoy the look on people’s faces as they taste our selection.” And what a selection it is! You’ll see varieties of fresh baked breads (their cheese bread is a personal favorite), potato rolls, cinnamon buns, “melt in your mouth” whoopie pies, gooey-bottom Dutch shoo-fly pie (their specialty), cookies, fruit pies, angel food and layer cakes, and many, many more items.

Through a window behind the counter, you can observe the mixing and baking process, and see trays of baked goods waiting to go into the display cases or to be sent to fulfill wholesale orders for several local restaurants. (Bird-in-Hand Bake Shop baked goods can also be found

at various market stands in five different states.) The sweet scents of fresh breads and cookies always greet your nose!

Not only can you indulge your sweet tooth with a chocolate whoopie pie or a creamy cone of local ice cream, but Bird-in-Hand Bake Shop also offers its visitors a few extras. They have a fine selection of local handmade crafts. “Our wide assortment fits many people’s tastes and interests.” You’ll find locally made Amish dolls, pillow cases, pictures, candles, Amish straw hats, hand painted slates, and much more. In addition there is always a variety of canned goods and bulk foods, especially popular with those large families that live in the area.

The Millers realized that with all that food and country peacefulness, visitors might want to linger and relax. “Our large wrap around porch provides an excellent place to enjoy a hot cinnamon roll and a steaming cup of coffee.” And with more than enough green grass to go around, they have installed several picnic areas to enjoy, along with public restrooms and waste bins for your picnic use.

Finally, since the Millers have a family of their own, they know it is important to keep the children entertained on a vacation. “While you shop, your children can burn some energy outdoors in our huge play area.” And any place in Amish Country just wouldn’t be right without some animals. That’s why they’ve added a petting zoo to their list of attractions.

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by Clinton Martin

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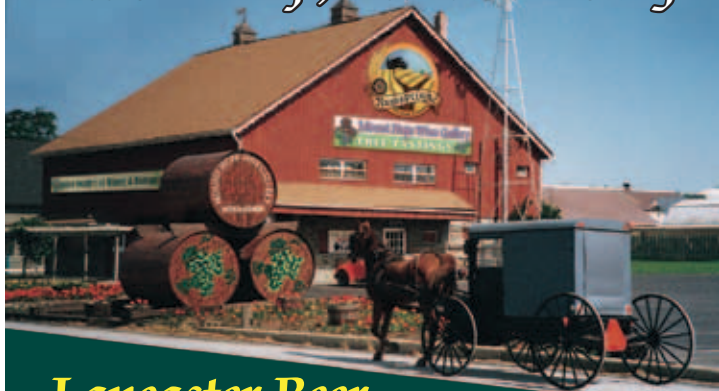
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The Making of the Amish Mafia Tour

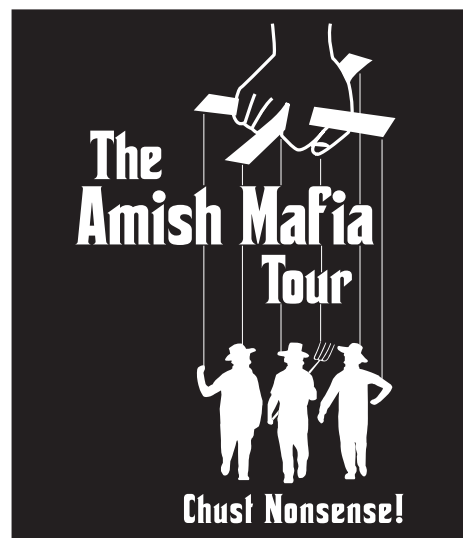
by Brad Igou

When the TLC cable TV series BREAKING AMISH gave us stories of young people who had never joined the Amish faith acting out their supposed first encounter with New York City, I was convinced that media depictions of the Amish couldn't get any worse. But I was wrong, for along came the Discovery Channel's "reality" series, AMISH MAFIA.

My initial response was, "No one will believe this." For some it would be like watching a train wreck; for others the bad acting and staged drama might provide campy comedy. Yet I

discovered that many viewers, unfamiliar with our Amish community, actually wondered if AMISH MAFIA might be true. The show was a hit with millions of viewers each week and, as the questions started coming fast and furious, I had to rethink my decision to simply ignore it.

Our Amish Experience staff said, "Let's do an Amish Mafia Tour." I didn't take it seriously. But, they were persistent and persuasive. I soon joined the movement, provided we could pull it off with respect, integrity and, above all, accuracy. Our slogan became "Amish Mafia ~ Chust Nonsense!"



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So staff watched each episode over and over again noting the Amish commentary by the "Mafia" members. We then dissected the many Amish "facts" the series was making, finding many were completely false while others were misleading or had but a grain of truth. We ended up with approximately 100 statements concerning Amish beliefs and culture. From these we developed an outline of the topics we felt most important to be addressed on tour.

Next came what visitors would actually see. We scrutinized the episodes again to identify exact locations. It became clear that several scenes were filmed on the farm of Silverstone Inn & Suites. Indeed, the site had been used for the "wedding" in BREAKING AMISH, and the Inn appears in the credits of AMISH MAFIA episodes. It obviously was the worst kept secret in the production.

We visited the Inn and the owners confirmed that many spots on their property were used to portray Amish "locations." While viewers thought they were traveling about the county, in many cases cameras were simply moved from one building to another. Here was Lebanon Levi's office. Here were barn and porch exteriors – all-in-all an ideal location to work Hollywood-style magic. The Silverstone Inn will be visited and explored to learn how it was done.

We looked at the characters. Most were indeed raised Amish. As word spread about our tour, we began receiving emails and phone calls from those who knew them personally, sharing colorful stories. We even looked up the criminal records and mug shots of four of the "stars," information available to the public that was soon reported in our local media as well. As one staff member noted, "The only experience most of them have had with the law is breaking it."

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led us to the Lickity Split Ice Cream Shop in New Holland. There we discovered that Lebanon Levi had indeed frequented the shop and there were pictures of him to prove it. It was an easy decision to include Lickity Split on the tour, and for good measure, we decided to throw in an ice cream cone for everyone on board the 14-passenger shuttle.

Finally, we wanted to poke some fun at the show itself. We designed a logo inspired by the puppet graphic design of THE GODFATHER. We joked, as did many other locals, about not having "Amish Mafia protection." If the TV production company focused on creating "highly irreverent" TV shows (the very words on their website), then we could certainly take an equally irreverent view of their show.

Ultimately, however, we wanted to set the record straight. With our many Amish friends, we were confident that we could provide tour content that met all of our requirements. We heard from Amish concerned about the misrepresentations and that no one was there to challenge the picture of their community portrayed in the series. We all were distressed that the show's premise implied that the creation of the Amish Mafia was a response to the Amish school shootings here a few years back.

One Amish business owner said so many people were saying, "I'm glad you Amish have protection," that he felt he might be willing to sell tickets for our tour. We have sat down with yet more Amish folks, including some ministers, and asked them to review our script. They felt we "got it right."

In summary, the tour evolved from a wealth of information, from how and where scenes were staged, to the real life personas of cast members, and finally to a factual and balanced view of Amish culture and beliefs.

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Brad Igou is not only the publisher of AMISH COUNTRY NEWS, he is the President of The Amish Experience, where visitors can enjoy conducted tours of the Amish farmlands, an Old Order Amish home and school, and the critically acclaimed special effects production of JACOB'S CHOICE.

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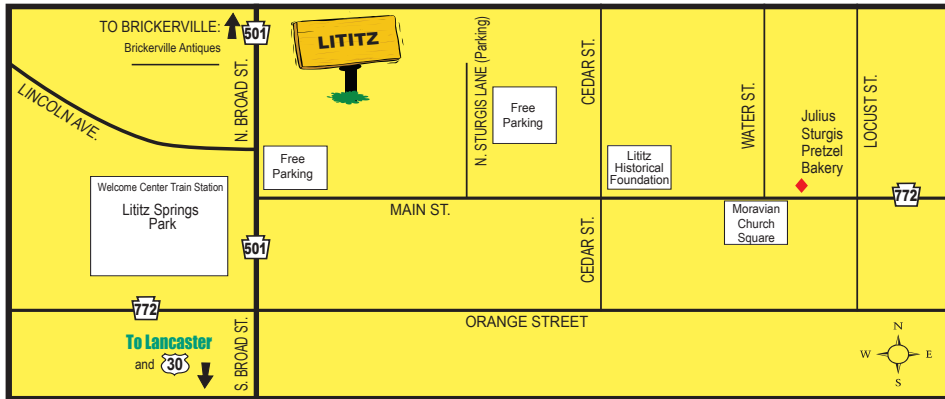


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Music and education were important to the Moravians. In fact, the Lititz schoolhouse erected in 1746 marked the beginnings of what was to be Linden Hall, the oldest continuously operating residence school for girls in the United States.

For one hundred years, Moravian church members were the only people permitted to live in the town. It was not until 1855 that non-Moravians were allowed to own their own homes. The complex of buildings comprising the Moravian congregation is well worth seeing, particularly the church built in 1787.

One name is linked forever with the history of Lititz --- Julius Sturgis. It was Julius Sturgis who opened the first commercial pretzel bakery in the New World in Lititz. The year was 1861, and the site at 219 East Main Street is on the National Register of Historic Places. A tour of the bakery, still in operation, is unlike any other and well worth your time.

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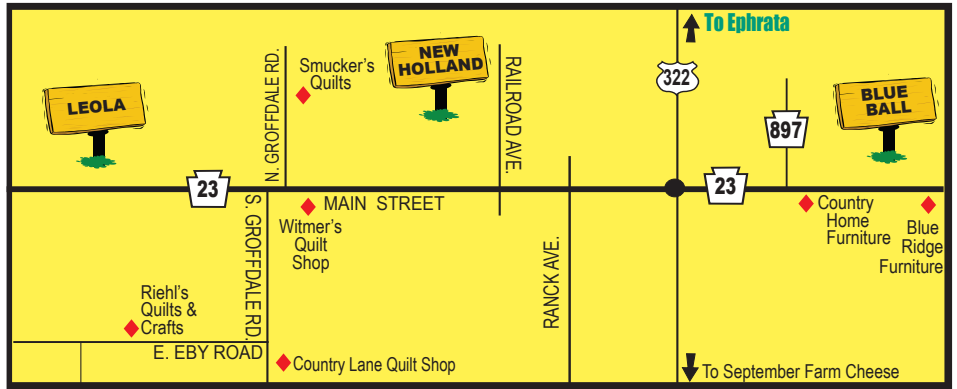
This entire century had been one of continued misery for the peasants of the Palatinate (western Germany). The Thirty Years War had raged across the area with barbaric ruthlessness. The peasant inhabitants fled to nearby Holland for refuge. And within a decade of the end of that conflict, King Louis XIV of France started a new religious war in the same general area. These Palatinate peasants were exhausted by war's desolation, and were ripe for a new start. Traveling land agents for William Penn's new colony found listening ears. In addition to religious freedom and a peaceful existence, Penn offered cheap land. The stated price was 100 English pounds for 5,000 acres. (At today's rate exchange, this would be less than \$.04 an acre). By the year 1702, a goodly number of Palatinates had immigrated to Pennsylvania, and Queen Anne, newly reigning in England, was delighted that Penn was colonizing his immense grant without drawing off the population of Britain.

The area today called New Holland was practically covered by virgin forests—sturdy timbers of oak, ash, chestnut, and walnut. By 1728, William Penn had been dead for 10 years and his American colony, called Pennsylvania, was being administered by a proprietary governor while the sale of land was formalized by patent deeds.

In 1802, when a post office was established and an official name was necessary, there was no objection to naming the town New Holland.

These grateful people remembered how extremely kind the inhabitants of Holland were to them, and the assistance that included funds to cover the cost of the refugee German immigrants' ocean voyage.

This was no small matter when the alternative was indentured service for a period of years. For adults, indenture frequently meant four to seven years of labor without pay. Minors served until their 21st birthday. But still, William Penn's Quaker Pennsylvania was liberation compared to the Europe they fled seeking freedom of religion, assembly and speech for all, hopefully, none of which we take for granted today.





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by Clinton Martin

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Author Ruth Reid Announces HEAVEN ON EARTH Series Third Novel

by Clinton Martin



It's been said that there are only so many stories that can ever be written. Man vs. Man, Man vs. Nature, and so on. Well, while every story in the history of story-telling might fit neatly into certain basic structures, there is no denying not all writers are equally gifted in the art of weaving a tale. Author Ruth Reid, by any measure, carves a compelling plot and has captured the attention of the Amish-novel-reading world.

Her third title in the HEAVEN ON EARTH series, AN ANGEL BY HER SIDE, brings together not only a protagonist's inner struggle, but the effect on the character from outside forces. In short, the

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Authentic Lancaster Art

by Clinton Martin

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Night Life of Lancaster – A Deadly Experience

by Clinton Martin

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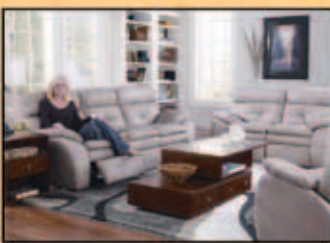
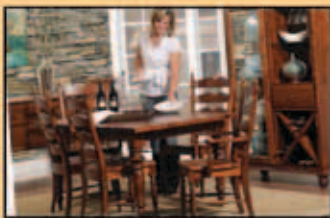
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A High-Tech Telling of a A Very High-Touch Story

by Brad Igou

When the lights dim inside the Amish Experience Theater and the telling of “Jacob’s Choice” begins, you’d think you were in a theme park in Orlando or Hollywood. Surrounded by five screens and the latest in quadrasonic sound, seated on benches modeled after those of an Amish church service (with backs added for creature comfort), you watch unfold the story of an Amish teenager undecided whether to join the Amish church.

While Amish children are, of course, raised in the Amish tradition from birth, most people do not realize that joining the Amish faith is a

personal choice. Choosing to join the church means a lifestyle with no electricity, TV, or computer at home, speaking the Pennsylvania German dialect, wearing Plain clothes, riding in a horse-drawn carriage, and attending a one room school. But you aren’t truly Amish until you make the choice, as an adult, to be baptized. Yet during the running around or “rumspringa” time of their teenage years, Amish youth probably learn more about our way of life than we know about theirs. Incredibly, approximately 90% decide to become and live as Amish for the rest of their lives. Thus, the Amish population



here doubles about every 20 years, and there are more Amish now than at any time in history. “Jacob’s Choice” is a remarkable window into the lives of these young people and offers some ideas as to why Amish youth choose family, the church and community, notwithstanding the temptations of our modern world.

For me, there’s no better introduction to the Amish as people than “Jacob’s Choice” at the Amish Experience Theater at Plain and Fancy Farm, Route 340 between Bird-in-Hand and Intercourse. Shows are on the hour, seven days a week. Call 717.768.8400 for details. 

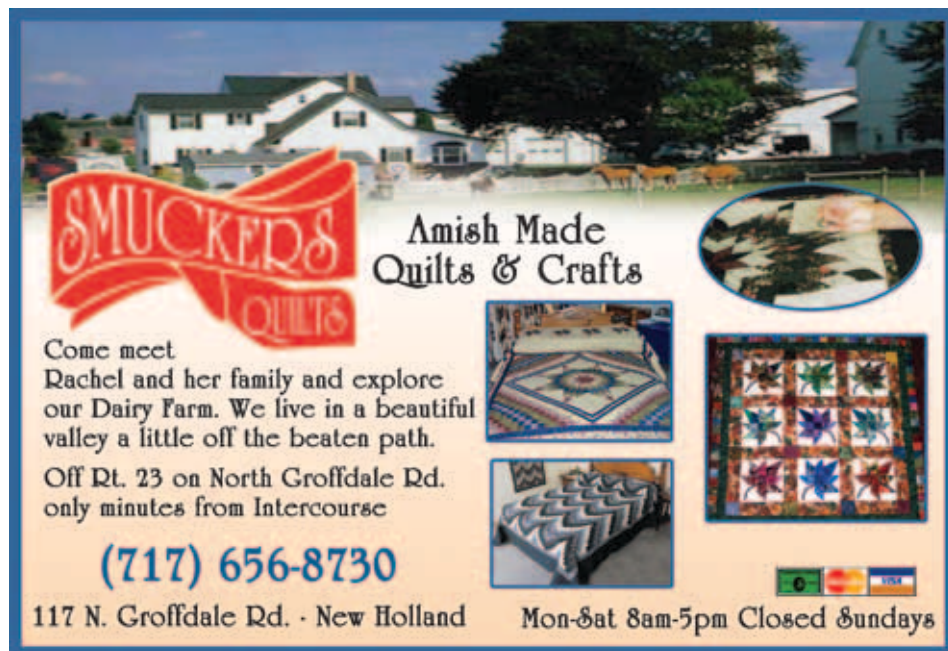
Try a Scoop of Craft Beer at UBW

by Clinton Martin

Why not join me at Union Barrel Works for a delicious hot meal and a cool, clean, craft beer or two! While the menu offers tasty standard brewpub fare, as well as more adventurous gourmet options, my recommendation this time is to ask for an insider’s taste, strictly off-menu! Union Barrel Works is well known for one of the best dark, heady, and nutritious stout beers, but locals in the know haven’t just been enjoying the UBW stout by the traditional pint.

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The 2012 ACN Photo Contest Winners

by Brad Igou

Once again, after reviewing hundreds of entries, the winners of our previous year's photo contest are here for you to enjoy, with a few comments from me and the photographers.



Grand Prize: "Cows Leaving"
by Alex Calabrese of Buena, NJ

There are always plenty of photos of cows, but I have never seen a photo that presented a scene so artistically. With the sun streaking through the clouds, I almost felt I was looking at a painting that captured the simplicity and beauty of Amish Country.

Alex writes: *On a winter's afternoon in December on North Star Road near Strasburg, I was attracted to this scene of cows on an Amish farm with a magnificent background of the sun breaking through the clouds. As an amateur artist and*

photographer I always look forward to my visits to Lancaster County.



First Place: "On the Go"
by Linnette Laureano of Blakeslee, PA

Sometimes a picture tells a story and this one may well be worth 1,000 words. The colors, the poses, and the facial expressions make this a really memorable photo, and you cannot deny the "cute factor!"

Says Linnette: *I was in the Coleman store mid-July of 2012, looking at some camping equipment on one of the side roads. I saw all these kids playing and these two little ones caught my eye. The girl*



Second Place: "Hunsecker's Mill Covered Bridge" by Joe Reyes of Keyport, NJ

wanted to ride but the boy would not have it. I believe they were siblings. I left with this adorable image.

Again, photos of covered bridges are many, so you need something special to catch my attention. This picture and the way it was manipulated have created a most unusual atmosphere, almost a mysterious quality that I really liked. This old bridge surely has many stories to tell.

Joe writes: *My wife and I love visiting Lancaster. We wanted to see one of the largest covered bridges (180 feet) in the country and we were not disappointed. To capture this image of the*

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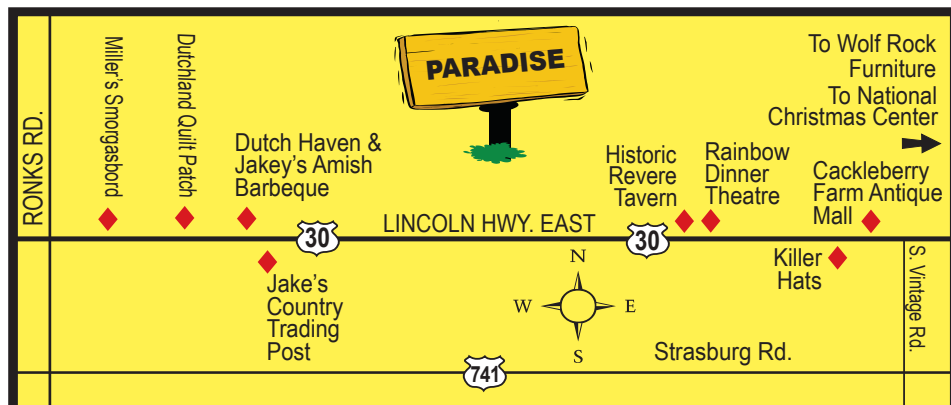
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The origins of RT 30, also known as "Lincoln Highway," date back to Lancaster's Colonial days when the frontier county needed a highway to connect it with the provincial capital of Philadelphia. The first road that was constructed is now RT 340, still referred to as the "Old Philadelphia Pike." Soon, it was apparent that this road was insufficient to handle the increasing traffic, and in 1790, a commission to survey a new route was created. Since the cost was too much for the state to undertake, the company charged with building it was given the power to demand "reasonable" tolls from users. Investors received dividends earned from tolls collected along the gates of the turnpike. (As the toll was paid, the gate or "pike" was turned, hence the term "turnpike").

The Act described the construction of the highway, which was to be a bed of small crushed stones on top with, rather than dirt, larger stones underneath to prevent carriage wheels from cutting into the soil. This revolutionary system of road construction is credited to a John McAdam, whose name became the term for paved or "macadam" roads. The "Lincoln Highway" (RT 30) opened in 1795 as the first long-distance, hard surfaced road in the country. Taverns and stagecoach stops grew up along the turnpike for weary travelers. Of these, the Revere Tavern,

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2012 Photo Contest

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bridge, built in 1843, it took five shots to make up the HD (High Definition) picture. Lancaster is so beautiful!



Third Place: "Tilling the Field"
by Thomas Herr of Southampton, PA

It's true that I relish photos of horses or mules out working the fields. For me, such scenes make Amish Country a very special place and, because I live here, seeing this activity is commonplace. However, I know I will never grow tired of seeing pictures like this!

Says Tom: *In the spring my wife and I stopped for lunch at a local restaurant outside of Intercourse. I noticed through the window this gentleman plowing his field. I found it interesting against the background of a modern housing development. After our meal, I went out and snapped this photo along the Old Philadelphia Pike.*



Honorable Mention: "Peaceful Summer in Churchtown" by Ray Smecker of Narvon, PA

It takes an exceptional eye to capture a scene perfectly. Here the colors and variety of textures, along with the buildings in the background, lend a painterly quality to this landscape. It nicely complements our Grand Prize winner and shows the diverse beauty of this place I call home.

Ray says: *This scene was taken at our Backyard Habitat Shepherd Too. I was checking out our blue bird babies in the box in our St. Francis Garden looking south across the Smucker farms. Wild flowers encircle our place and add a lovely border to the peaceful Amish farmsteads.*

Ray concluded his email to me with the words, "Lancaster County, PA is a special place." It is indeed, and congratulations to all of our deserving winners. 



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Photos will be judged on quality, color, subject matter, etc. Keep in mind that these photos are for publication, cannot be returned, and should depict a scene, aspect, event, or activity typical to Lancaster or the Pennsylvania Dutch Country region.

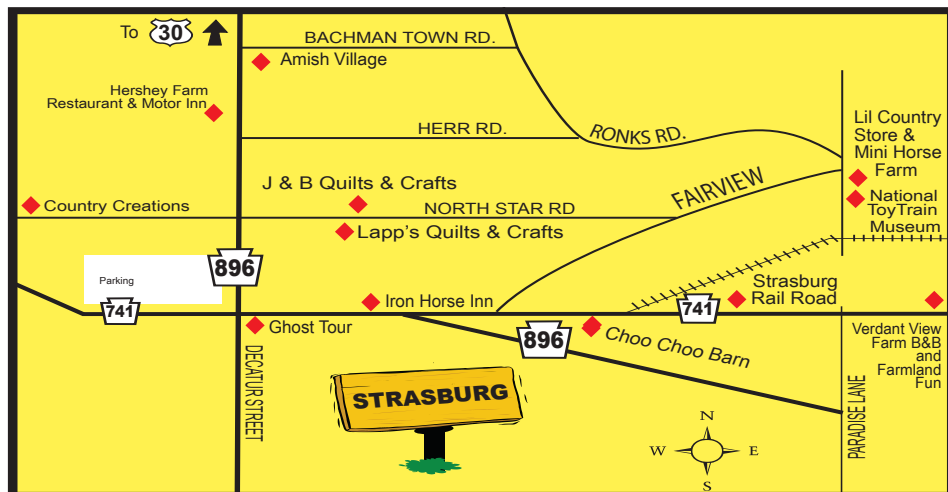
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Strasburg, named for the city in France, was actually "founded" by a Frenchman, Pierre Bezaillon, who traded with the Delaware Indians. The story goes he came to the area in 1693, as French fur traders opened up the first path through this area from Philadelphia to the Susquehanna River.

As early as 1716, when the first wagon was used for hauling goods, the path became known as the Conestoga Road, and the wagons that traveled them eventually became known as Conestoga Wagons. Main Street Strasburg was developed during the next half century as traffic on this road increased considerably and the first log houses appeared in the village about 1733.

Strasburg continued to flourish in the 18th century primarily because of its location

along the major wagon routes between Philadelphia, Lancaster, and the Susquehanna River.

As Strasburg flourished, so did its neighbor to the east, Philadelphia. The commercial interests of Philadelphia pressured the State Legislature to improve the transportation network into their city. As a result, a series of canals along with the Philadelphia and Columbia Rail Roads were constructed. Strasburg residents became alarmed at the possibility of losing their commercial position and there soon emerged a charter for the Strasburg Rail Road to construct a rail line connecting Strasburg with the Philadelphia and Columbia Rail Road main line near Paradise. Finally in the 1850's, trains were hauling freight and passengers.

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by Clinton Martin



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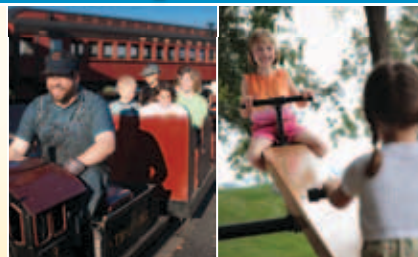


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by Clinton Martin

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Quilts & Crafts...All in the Family at J&B Quilts

by Clinton Martin



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Aaron & Jessica's Buggy Rides

by Clinton Martin



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4. **You Call the Shots.** The couple picks a location they have always dreamed about, and not one linked to family expectations. "The world is your altar."
5. **Ideal for Second Marriages.** Now you can choose to marry away from the local gossips and judgmental relatives. If there are kids involved in the second marriage, they can join you and have as much fun as you will. It's all about "bonding," after all.
6. **A once-in-a-lifetime reunion opportunity.** You will probably arrive a few days early, and enjoy some quiet time together or with close family and friends. Indeed, it will seem more like a vacation or getaway than a big, formal ceremonial affair.

Now that we have looked at why these weddings have become so popular, let's see why Amish Country has become such a great wedding destination. More and more couples are coming here to marry. (Obviously, not everyone can

afford flying to a villa in Italy.) So, let's again look at the six points above and see how our Amish Country might work for you...

1. **Virtually Stress-Free.** Most visitors tell us that they immediately slow down (especially if they are behind an Amish buggy!) and take in the more relaxed pace. With all the tension and worry weddings normally generate, the very way of life here says to relax and focus on what is important --- the people, not the planning!
2. **Less Family Drama.** While we can't promise there won't be some, the message is that family and community are highly valued here. Plus, this is a destination that offers a little something for everyone. If you did invite Aunt Martha and she is becoming a pain, get her a gift certificate and send her shopping at the outlets!
3. **Cost Effective.** Amish Country is easily reached from almost anywhere, and far more affordable than many resorts or big city locations!
4. **You Call the Shots.** We have many talented wedding planners and support vendors for ev-

everything from flowers to photography. Once again, they are likely to cost less than in a metropolitan area, and many of them have left urban environments to enjoy the atmosphere of Amish Country. Big city expertise at country prices!

5. **Ideal for Second Marriages.** If you are bringing kids into the picture this time around, there will be plenty to keep them amused, from roller coasters to twisting pretzels to jousting knights!
6. **A Reunion Opportunity.** We're a Mecca for reunions to start with, so bringing friends and family here for some fun prior to the "big event" makes perfect sense. Here there is something for every taste, age, and interest, all close by and convenient. Amish tours anyone?

So where will your wedding take place? Amish Country offers an amazing variety of locales, from historic bed & breakfast inns (see cover story) to farm settings to the glorious PA Renaissance Faire. I often dine at the Eden Resort, and have witnessed many out-of-town weddings in the resort's wonderful space, ideal for larger affairs. I've seen couples arriving at a church downtown by trolley, or coming to the venue in an Amish buggy. Whether you take your vows in a barn or outside overlooking our legendary farmland (is that a cow in the picture?), you'll enjoy the refreshing feeling of being somewhere different and special.

Even your invitations can add some local color, especially if you are clever enough to use local postcards. You can then add more regional touches to the event, whether it's a whoopie pie on the pillow at night, a quilted hot-pad as a take home gift, or some local culinary specialty as part of the wedding menu... Amish-style feast anyone?

So whether you seek "formal and classy" or "fun and laid back," the people and places are here in Amish Country. You'll enjoy exploring the possibilities, so why not begin some planning, or perhaps just visit us to renew your vows on a romantic getaway. Blest be the ties that bind! 





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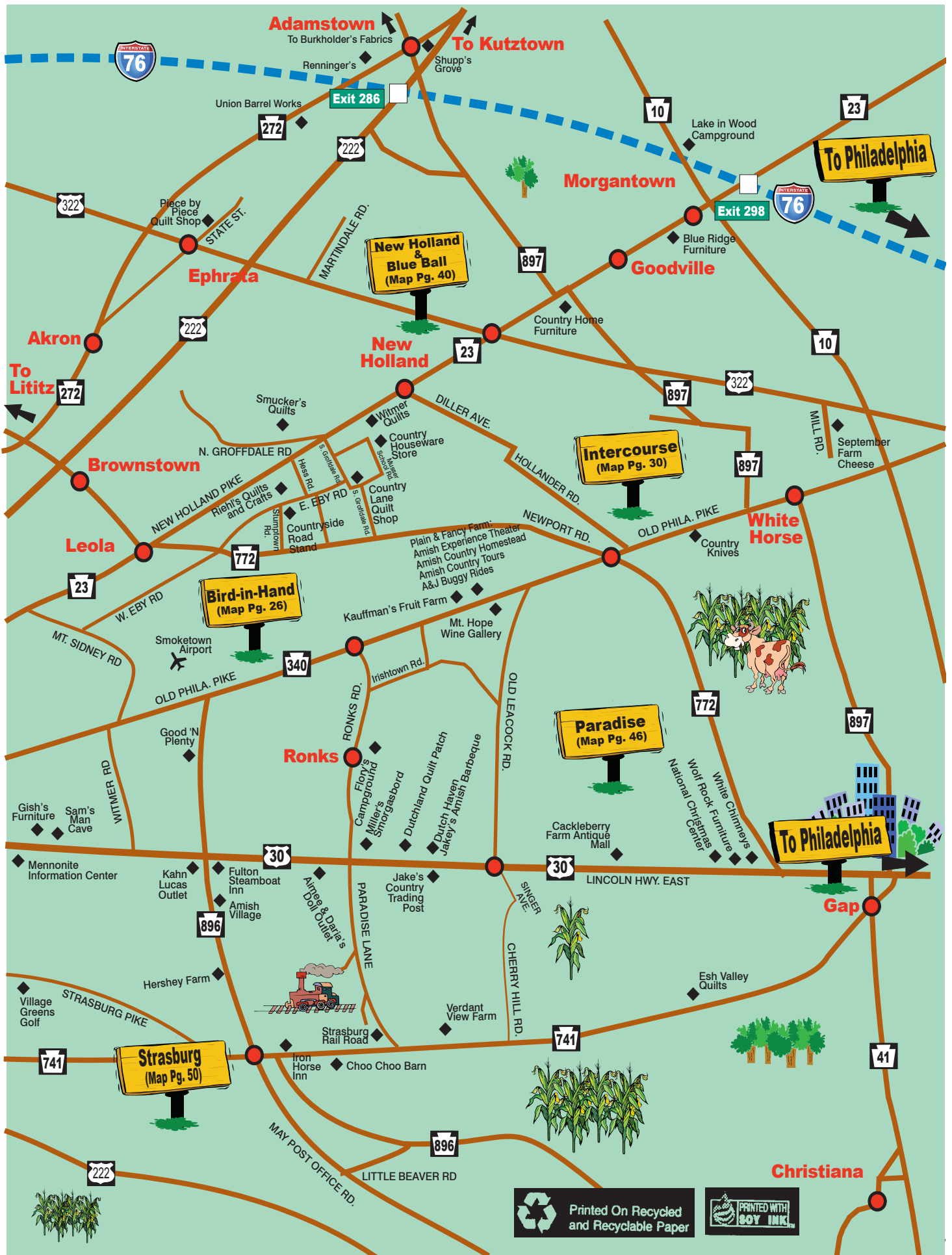
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Sensationalizing the Amish

by Brad Igou



Amish heading to court in drug case.

With all the attention the Discovery Channel's AMISH MAFIA series has garnered, my thoughts turned back to the year 1998. It was then that the national media brought to the world's attention that some Amish youth were buying drugs from the Pagan motorcycle gang and selling them at young people's gatherings. What a story! While the number of Amish involved was small, the news had tremendous shock value to those who believed the Amish lived in a perfect world, an Amish "utopia."

We who knew the Amish were not shocked. Indeed, there had been talk in the community of a "drug problem" for months before. Most folks certainly did not realize the extent or seriousness of what was going on. Not that it necessarily mattered, but the young men involved, having never chosen adult baptism for themselves were not church members.

Meetings with local authorities and Amish parents were held to inform and educate the Amish community. Contrary to the AMISH MAFIA show's claim that the Amish reject law enforcement, the Amish community was pleased that the police had caught these young men and that they would be punished. (Interestingly, after his prison time, one of the men repented, was forgiven, joined the church and now has a family.)

I found more shocking the reaction of the media. Headlines screamed "Amish." Just imagine a headline reading "Catholic Drug Dealers Arrested." Reporters called wanting the "Amish reaction." I told them I was fairly certain that it was about the same any parents or community would have. Some of the less professional TV reporters, frustrated that no Amish would talk on

camera, are reputed to have asked local people to dress up as Amish to comment.

Jay Leno on "The Tonight Show" had several comedy sketches on the Amish drug lords, playing off America's stereotypes of the Amish... "What was the worst Amish crime until now?" Jay asked an Amish police chief. Replied the fake Amishman, "Cow-jacking."

The Amish, I believe, were deeply saddened that a matter of such seriousness and concern to them had become the subject of jokes and comedy sketches. What kind of reaction would Jay Leno have gotten joking about young people dying from drug abuse in America's cities?

I was also fascinated by the way the rest of us reacted to the Amish drug story. Many wanted to believe that the problems in our society could never invade the "ideal" Amish world we imagined. (Perhaps some of the Amish believed this as well.) This illusion was shattered.

Today it seems the approach of the Amish reality TV shows isn't all that different, but has moved into sensationalizing the human frailties of the Amish, playing off a perception (most certainly not propagated by the Amish) that they are somehow without flaws, problems, or sinners. Young people who grew up Amish, but who never joined the church, "re-enact" supposed real-life incidents for the camera. That these shows are so popular now reveals that perhaps not much has changed since 1998.

None of this is to mask problems in the Amish community then or now. As much as some may try, the Amish do not live isolated from the world around them, and today there is more interaction with the outside than ever. The Amish will not be immune from society's problems any more than they are immune from disease, exempt from paying taxes, or obeying the law.

But whether we look for the best or the worst in them, the question is why so many take their personal perceptions of the Amish to create entertaining situations which, in the guise of reality TV, poke fun at or are insulting to Amish culture. It seems to me that if we truly believe the Amish are a last bastion of family values, morals, and religious faith in our land, then we may well have a much larger problem than do the Amish. 

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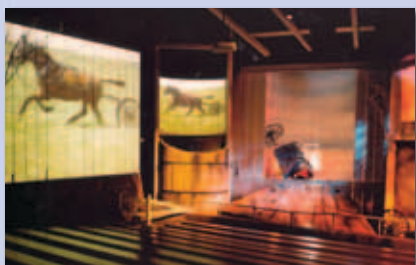
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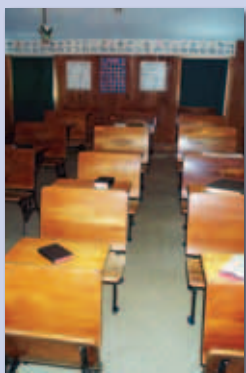
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